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SECRET SPOKE FOLLOWZAUP NR 1-78 TO CRITIC NR-81 SHOOT DOWN FO U.S. MANNED AIRCRAFT BY NVN AIRCRAFT. 1. TACAIR COMMS REVEALED ONE NVN PILOTED MIG 21 SHOT DOWN A US MANNED RECCE AIRCRAFT APPROXIMATELY 58 H M SOUTH OF VINH. 2. THE MIG 21 PILOT UNDER THE CONTROL OF VINH CONTROLLER STATED AT 87422 \$1 CAN SEE THE TARGET\$ ONE MINUTE LATER THE PILOT WAS TOLD TO TURN ON HIS AI RADAR. AT THIS TIME HE WAS WITHIN 2 AND 1/2 KMS FROM THE TARGET AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO ENTER ATTACK. AT 8745Z HE LAUNCHED A MISSILE. THIRITYSEC LATER HE SAID \$THE AIRCRAFT IS BURNING\$ THEN HE HEADED NORTH 3. DURING THIS TIME TWO PHOTO RECCES FROM THE USS HANCOCK WERE SCHEDULED OVER THIS AREA 128 HINNING

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